developing countries in an effort to keep non-trade issues out of the disciplines of World Trade Organisation. It was possible, for instance, on the issue of labour standards to get the Doha Ministerial Conference to reaffirm the Singapore Ministerial Declaration of 1996 which *inter alia* declared that the International Labour Organization (ILO) is the competent body to deal with these standards.

**Export of tea**

34. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the production and export of tea during 2001;

(b) the consumption of tea within the country; and

(c) the foreign exchange earned from export of tea?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) The production and export of tea during the year 2001 is given below:

Quantity in Million Kg.

| Year | Estimated Production (January—November) | Estimated Export (January—December) |
|---|---|---|
| 2001 | 817.60 | 179.79 |

(b) The consumption of tea within the country during the year 2001, as estimated by Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata, was 673 Million Kg,

(c) The foreign exchange earned from export of tea during the calendar year 2001 was Rs. 1604.43 crore.